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Recruits received basic training in normal line divisions in the USSR.
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Normally twice yearly, spring and fall--(approximately, April-May and October-November). The division, as a rule, receives word about one month in advance from "Army Mobilization Section" Trans as to exactly when and how many recruits the division must be prepared to handle of 18 year olds--now 32nd class (spring of 1951).

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This procedure differs from the receipt of recruits in that it is more elastic and influenced to a greater degree by existing circumstances. Normally demobilization occurred once a year, though possibly twice in which case it would be spring and fall. Usually 21 years of age; sergeants one year more. In the 12th Gds Mecz Div during the last two years only once yearly in the spring.

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the 12th Gds Mech Div was formed in 1945 from a cavalry division. Commander of this cavalry division at that time who subsequently became Commanding General of 12th Gds Mech Div was Major General Gorodobikov (possibly Gorodovikov), Hero of the Soviet Union, now in the Far East.

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